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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
12 Plaintiff,
13 v.
14 RYAN GUIDRY,
15 Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:20-CR-003-JAM

STIPULATION AND JOINT REQUEST FOR
PROTECTIVE ORDER; [PROPOSED]
PROTECTIVE ORDER

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17 **I. STIPULATION**

18 1. Plaintiff United States of America (“government”), by and through its counsel of record,
19 and defendant Ryan Guidry (“defendant”), by and through his counsel of record (collectively, the
20 “parties”), for the reasons set forth below, hereby stipulate, agree, and jointly request that the Court enter
21 a Protective Order in this case restricting the use and dissemination of certain materials containing
22 personal identifying information (“PII”) of real persons and other confidential information of victims,
23 witnesses, and third parties.

24 2. As part of its investigation in this case, the government is in possession of materials
25 relating to the charges against defendant Guidry and other defendants in related cases, including banking
26 information, business records, emails, and other evidence that contains PII and other confidential
27 information for real persons, including, among other things, personal names, addresses, Social Security
28 numbers, and dates of birth. These real persons include victims and corporate representatives of victims,

witnesses, and other third parties to this case. The government seeks to provide requested materials to counsel for the defendant.

3. The purpose of the proposed Protective Order is to prevent the unauthorized dissemination, distribution, or use of materials containing the PII and confidential personal information of others. If this information is disclosed without protective measures, or to defendant without limitation, it will risk the privacy and security of the people to whom the information relates. The information could itself be used to further criminal activity if improperly disclosed or used. The United States has ongoing statutory and ethical obligations to protect victims.

4. Due to the nature of this case, PII makes up a significant part of the discovery materials, and this information in some instances has evidentiary value itself. The large quantity of privacy-protected information would be difficult and time-consuming for either party to redact. Further, if the government were to attempt to redact all this information, the defense would receive a set of discovery that would be confusing and difficult to understand, and could inhibit prompt and just completion of the case.

5. Accordingly, the parties jointly request a Protective Order that will permit the government to produce discovery that is unredacted, but preserves the privacy and security of victims, witness, and third parties. The parties agree that the following conditions, if ordered by the Court in the proposed Protective Order, will serve the government's interest in maintaining the privacy and security of victims and third parties, while permitting the Defense Team to understand the United States' evidence against the defendants.

6. This Court may enter protective orders pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Local Rule 141.1, and its general supervisory authority.

II. PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER

A. Protected Materials

7. This Order pertains to all discovery provided or made available to defense counsel in this case (hereafter, collectively "Protected Materials").

8. For purposes of the Protective Order, the term "Personal Identifying Information" ("PII") includes any information within the definition of a "means of identification" under 18 U.S.C. §

1 1028(d)(7) or any information within the definition of an “access device” under 18 U.S.C. § 1029(e)(1).

2 9. To the extent that notes are made that memorialize, in whole or in part, the PII in any
3 Protected Materials, or to the extent that copies are made for authorized use by members of the Defense
4 Team, such notes, copies, or reproductions become Protected Materials, subject to the Protective Order
5 and must be handled in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

6 **B. Defense Team**

7 10. For purposes of this Order, the term “Defense Counsel” refers to the defendant’s counsel
8 of record.

9 11. For purposes of this Order, the term “Defense Team” refers to (1) the defendant’s counsel
10 of record, (2) other attorneys at defense counsel’s law firm or defense organization who may be
11 consulted regarding case strategy in the above-captioned matter, (3) defense investigators who are
12 assisting defense counsel with this case, (4) retained experts or potential experts, and (5) paralegals,
13 legal assistants, and other support staff to defendant’s counsel of record providing assistance on this
14 case. The term “Defense Team” does not include defendant, the defendant’s family, or other associates
15 of the defendant.

16 12. Defense Counsel must provide a copy of this Order to all members of the Defense Team.
17 Defense Counsel must obtain written acknowledgement from members of the Defense Team that they
18 are bound by the terms and conditions of this Protective Order, prior to providing any Protected
19 Materials to the members of the Defense Team. The written acknowledgement need not be disclosed or
20 produced to the United States unless ordered by the Court.

21 **C. Disclosure of Protected Materials**

22 13. No person or party shall use any Protected Materials or information derived from
23 Protected Materials produced in this action for any purpose other than use in the above-captioned case.
24 All Protected Materials shall be used solely for the purpose of conducting and preparing for pre-trial,
25 post-trial, and appellate proceedings (both direct and collateral) and in this criminal action for no other
26 purposes whatsoever, and shall not be used for the economic or other benefit of the defendants, or any
27 third party. Protected Materials may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
28 conditions described in this Order.

1 14. Defendant may review Protected Materials in this case only in the presence of a member
2 of the Defense Team, and his Defense Counsel shall ensure that defendant is never left alone with any
3 Protected Information. Defendant may not copy, keep, maintain, or otherwise possess any of such
4 Protected Materials at any time. Defendant must return any Protected Materials to the Defense Team at
5 the conclusion of any meeting at which defendant reviews the Protected Materials. Defendant may not
6 take any Protected Materials out of the room in which he is meeting with the Defense Team. Defendant
7 may not write down or memorialize any PII contained in the Protected Materials. At the conclusion of
8 any meeting with defendant, the member of the Defense Team present shall take with him or her all
9 Protected Materials. At no time, under any circumstances, will any Protected Materials be left in the
10 possession, custody, or control of the defendant, whether or not he is incarcerated, except as provided
11 below in Paragraphs 15 and 26.

12 15. If, during the pendency of the case, defendant requests a copy of the Protected Materials
13 from Defense Counsel, Defense Counsel may provide a copy of the Protected Materials to the defendant
14 provided that Defense Counsel ensures that all PII contained in the Protected Materials is fully redacted
15 and the copy bears the inscription as described in Paragraph 22. If Defense Counsel provides a redacted
16 copy to defendant subject to these conditions, Defense Counsel or a member of the Defense Team must
17 contemporaneously memorialize in writing that it has fully redacted PII from the Protected Materials
18 and complied with this Order. This written certification need not be disclosed or produced to the United
19 States unless ordered by the Court. If at any time Defense Counsel provides Protected Materials to the
20 defendant, Defense Counsel must also provide a copy of this Order and advise the defendant that he is
21 bound by the terms of this Order, including the restrictions on use of Protected Materials pursuant to
22 Paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the above, defense counsel may not release custody of any of the
23 following to the defendant: reports of witness statements, written witness statements, search warrant
24 affidavits, pen-trap applications, and tax records

25 16. The Defense Team may review Protected Materials with a witness or potential witness in
26 this case, including the defendant, subject to the requirement above that a member of the Defense Team
27 must be present if Protected Materials are being shown to the defendant. Before being shown any
28 portion of the Protected Materials, however, any witness or potential witness, including the defendant,

1 must be informed of the existence of the Protective Order and given a copy of the Protective Order. No
2 witness or potential witness may retain Protected Materials, or any copy thereof, after his or her review
3 of those materials with the Defense Team is complete.

4 17. This Order does not limit employees of the United States Attorney's Office for the
5 Eastern District of California from disclosing the Protected Materials to members of the United States
6 Attorney's Office, law enforcement agencies, the Court, and defense.

7 18. Defense Counsel shall advise the United States with reasonable notice of any subpoenas,
8 document requests, or claims for access to the Protected Materials by third parties if Defense Counsel is
9 considering disseminating any of the Protected Materials to a third party, in order that the United States
10 may take action to resist or comply with such demands as it may deem appropriate.

11 **D. Ensuring Security of Protected Materials**

12 19. The Defense Team shall maintain the Protected Materials safely and securely, and shall
13 exercise reasonable care in ensuring the security and confidentiality of the Protected Materials by storing
14 the Protected Materials in a secure place, such as a locked office, or otherwise secure facility where
15 visitors are not left unescorted.

16 20. A copy of the Protective Order must be stored with the discovery, in paper form and
17 electronically.

18 21. To the extent that Protected Materials, or any copies or reproductions thereof, are stored
19 electronically, the Protected Materials will be stored on a password-protected or encrypted storage
20 medium, including a password-protected computer, or device. Encryption keys must be stored securely
21 and not written on the storage media that they unlock.

22 22. If a member of the Defense Team makes, or causes to be made, any further copies of any
23 of the Protected Materials, Defense Counsel will ensure that the following notation is written, stamped
24 or inscribed on whatever folder, container, or media contains the copies: "PROTECTED MATERIALS-
25 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER." For example, if Defense Counsel makes a copy of a disc or
26 physical file containing Protected Materials, the duplicate disc or file must be encrypted and marked
27 with the above notation.
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1 **E. Filings**

2 23. In the event that a party needs to file Protected Materials containing PII, or materials
3 otherwise identified as containing confidential information of victims, witnesses, or third parties with
4 the Court, or disclose PII in court filings, the filing should be made under seal as provided for by the
5 local rules. If the Court rejects the request to file such information under seal, the party seeking to file
6 such information shall provide advance written notice to the other party to afford such party an
7 opportunity to object or otherwise respond to such intention. If the other party does not object to the
8 proposed filing, the party seeking to file such information shall redact the PII or confidential materials
9 and make all reasonable attempts to limit the divulging of PII or confidential materials.

10 **F. Conclusion of Prosecution**

11 24. The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this prosecution. All
12 Protected Materials subject to the Protective Order maintained in the Defense Team's files shall remain
13 subject to the Protective Order unless and until such Order is modified by the Court.

14 25. Upon final disposition of the case, including exhaustion of direct and collateral appellate
15 proceedings, Defense Counsel shall return the Protected Materials to the government, or certify in
16 writing that the Protected Materials have been destroyed. If any Protected Materials are used as defense
17 exhibits, they shall be maintained with government exhibits so long as those are required to be
18 maintained.

19 26. If, upon final disposition of the case, defendant requests a copy of the Protected Materials
20 from Defense Counsel, Defense Counsel may provide a copy of the Protected Materials to the defendant
21 provided that Defense Counsel ensures that all PII contained in the Protected Materials is fully redacted
22 and the copy bears the inscription as described in Paragraph 22. If Defense Counsel provides a redacted
23 copy to defendant subject to the above conditions, Defense Counsel or a member of the Defense Team
24 must contemporaneously attest in writing that it has fully redacted PII from the Protected Materials and
25 complied with this Order. This written certification need not be disclosed or produced to the United
26 States unless ordered by the Court.

27 **G. Termination or Substitution of Counsel**

28 27. In the event that there is a substitution of counsel prior to final disposition of the case,

1 new counsel of record must join this Protective Order before any Protected Materials may be transferred
2 from the undersigned defense counsel to the new defense counsel. New defense counsel then will
3 become Defense Counsel for purposes of this Protective Order, and become Defense Team's custodian
4 of materials, and shall then become responsible, upon the conclusion of appellate and post-conviction
5 proceedings, for complying with the provisions set forth in Paragraph 26 above. All members of the
6 Defense Team, whether current or past counsel, are at all times subject to the Protective Order and are
7 not relieved by termination of representation or conclusion of the prosecution.

8 **H. Modification of Order**

9 28. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party from seeking modification to the Order or
10 from objecting to discovery it otherwise believes to be improper. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any
11 party from seeking a more restrictive protective order with regard to particular discovery items.

12 **I. Violation of Order**

13 29. Any person who willfully violates this Order may be held in contempt of court and
14 maybe subject to monetary of other sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Court. This provision does
15 not expand or narrow the Court's contempt powers.

16 **J. Application of Laws**

17 30. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to affect or comment on the admissibility or
18 discoverability of the Protected Materials.

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1 31. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to affect the application or and the parties'
2 compliance with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Local Rules, and applicable statutes.

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4 Dated: April 28, 2021

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9 Dated: April 28, 2021


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11 Counsel for Defendant
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13 **FINDINGS AND ORDER**

14 The Court having read and considered the Stipulation and Joint Request for a Protective Order,
15 which this Court incorporates by reference in full, hereby finds that GOOD CAUSE exists to enter the
16 above Order.

17 IT IS SO FOUND AND ORDERED.

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19 Dated: April 28, 2021

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ALLISON CLAIRE
21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE